

WEST EARL TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY – November 2, 2020

The West Earl Township Water Authority held their scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 at the West Earl Township Municipal building.

Phil Machonis, Chairman

Jeff Zimmerman, Vice Chair (Via Zoom)

Shawn Erb, Treasurer

Bob Youndt, Member

Curt Miller, Member (Via Zoom)

Dale Kopp, ARRO

Township Manager Jenna Seesholtz was also in attendance.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Butch Keppley, Township Supervisors; Dave Thornton, Chairman Township Supervisor, John Enck, Water Operator; Robert Buckwalter, Water Operator; Jimmy Dennis, ARRO Engineering,

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Machonis called the meeting of the West Earl Water Authority to order at 7:00 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes of October 5, 2020: A motion by Zimmerman second by Youndt to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Nolt Well Update: There was a discussion about the future of Nolt Well. There was discussion on removing the caustic soda delivery system. Testing has taken place for the last 2 years to ensure the caustic soda delivery system does not need to remain in service. Testing shows that the unit is no longer required to meet DEP standards for water quality. A motion by Miller second by Machonis to approve the submission of a permit to DEP to remove the caustic soda delivery system. Supervisor Keppley wanted to know about other expenses that may be coming in the future with regard to the well. Motion carried.

There was discussion on requesting information from DEP on a potential increase on the total dissolved solids allowed in the water at the well. Jimmy Dennis of ARRO will contact DEP to see what is required for this request. Manager Seesholtz requested that Mr. Dennis be pulled in earlier to water quality questions and discussion to avoid future problems and avoid any non-necessary expense moving forward. John Ecnk noted that a Water Department employee will attend all future Water Authority meetings so they can be available for questions.

Creek Hill – Dedication of Water Lines: Seesholtz noted that she received an e-mail from Jay King, part owner of Creek Hill development. He noted that he requested that WEWA and WESA take dedication of the water and sewer lines throughout Creek Hill in 2017 and the task was not completed. Seesholtz will review the minutes to see if anything was completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of Bills

Shawn Erb, Treasurer for the Water Authority reported on this month's bills:

- ARRO Consulting, Inc. (\$1,526.52) Consulting Service Regular Account
- Verizon (\$110.14) Regular Account
- Brown Shultz Sheridan (\$2,500.00) Audit
- Kohl Brothers (\$9,175.00) Nolt Well Repair
- Martin's Appliance Escrow Account - (\$2,392.34) ARRO
- Creek Hill Escrow Account -(\$5600.26) Escrow Refund

Payment of Bills: A motion by Youndt second by Zimmerman to approve payment of invoices as presented on check register dated November 2, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

Quarterly Escrow Reports: The members of the Authority requested that Township Manager Seesholtz provide the Authority with a quarterly reporting of the current escrow accounts being held by the Water Authority. Seesholtz will see that the members are provided this information as requested.

MEMBER BUSINESS

Member Miller noted that the Water Authority may want to start looking for additional sources of water for the future. There have been several reports in the past month that note that the while West Earl will be in good shape as far as water supply is concerned, the whole of Lancaster County will be in a deficit within the next 2 decades years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business in front of the Water Authority, a motion by Erb, second by Youndt to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jenna Seesholtz
Township Manager